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Increase In Railroad Force

Graders Will Soon Be Working In Condor Canyon—Scurcity of Laborers Reason of Delay.

Notwithstanding the many reports to the contrary, work on the Caliente-Pioche Railroad is being pushed to completion as fast as possible. Many wild rumors are afloat; that the grading force has discontinued operations; that the railroad will not reach Pioche in a year and that when the grade shall have reached Bullionville that it would stop there for some time. These reports are misleading and have no foundation whatsoever and while we have not had an opportunity to speak to the officials personally, word has come to us direct, and from reliable parties; that every effort will be made to complete the road to Pioche in as short a time as possible.

As evidence of this we cite the fact of the grading force being doubled and establishing a camp above Panaca, and the intention seems to be to come right through without delay. Of course, the matter of laying rails will be somewhat slow for the reason that the tracklayer belonging to the contractors, is now in use on the Las Vegas & Tonopah, and cannot be gotten until that track is completed. They could not construct a new one merely for the thirty miles of track to be laid. However, all conditions look favorable for the completion of the road at any early date and

the pessimists had better do all their predicting at once for they will soon be out of a job.

Since the above was set up, we have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. T. B. Brown of Los Angeles, California, and have learned from him that the company will begin preliminary work Monday morning, and expect to reach Pioche not later than September 1st and to that end every effort will be put forth.

Mr. Brown is here in the interests of the Arrowhead, the official paper of the Salt Lake Route, and it is the intention to make a write-up of Pioche a special feature of a July number. The Arrowhead is a very neat appearing magazine, being gotten up in first-class style and containing well written and instructive articles.

Mr. Jas. W. Abbott will write the article concerning Pioche, and this in itself will insure the part that Pioche's every interest will be ably represented.

Douglass White is in charge of the Arrowhead, being at the head of the publicity department of the Salt Lake Route. Mr. White was formerly associate editor of Harper's Weekly and any article appearing under his supervision needs no introduction to the reading public.

"McFadden" Mine Sold For Ten Thousand

Boston-Pioche Mining Company Secures One of the Best Mines in the Bristol Copper District.

One of the most significant mining deals that has occurred here in Pioche for some time, was consummated this week, when the Boston-Pioche Mining Company concluded the purchase of the McFadden mine from A. W. Scott. Mr. Scott has held this mine under option for some months, during which time he has kept men constantly employed doing development work. As a result one of the finest showings in the Bristol District has been uncovered. Mr. Scott exercised his option, recently and the deed conveying the property was signed by Ed W. Clark, former owner of the property.

When Chas. S. Miller, president of the Boston-Pioche Mining Company, was in Pioche recently, he heard of the great showing and had it investigated by his engineers, and succeeded in purchasing the same for his

company. The purchase price being \$10,000, money down.

The McFadden property consists of one full claim and lies in the very heart of the Bristol District. It adjoins on the north-west the Clark property, on the southeast the Hillside, on the northeast the Nevada-Utah and on the southwest the Inman, belonging to the Bristol Consolidated, and ranks well with any of the properties in point of tonnage actually developed.

Representatives of the company will make a thorough investigation of the property and will outline a course of extensive operations which will be commenced early in July.

Again we might state that the Boston-Pioche is getting hold of an extensive area of very desirable mineral ground. They have taken options on the Scranton and Lookout claims, situated in the Ely Mining District, about

a mile and a half east of Pioche. These claims are adjoining the Boss properties and with the acquisition of these last named claims, will make a very desirable stretch of territory along the porphyry dyke. The options on the above named properties were taken from Wm. Lloyd, John R. Cook and Jas. E. Price of Pioche. The Lookout being purchased from the three parties and the Scranton from Lloyd and Cook. The purchase price is to be \$15,000, and the company has evidenced its intention of exercising the option by making a payment of \$2,000 during the week.

We will state that it is a source of gratification to have companies of the financial standing of the Boston-Pioche taking hold of all this desirable territory, for it means that they will be thoroughly developed and prospected.

Searchlight Gold Notes

Fred Colton, Owner of the Duplex, Has Ore Assaying \$10,000—Increase In General Mining.

An important deal in mining property was made this week by the transfer of the Kirkeby property, which consists of what is known as the Pan handle group of four claims, lying immediately west of the Searchlight Mining and Milling company's property. The purchaser is the Quarto Development Company and is principal place of business is Rochester, N. Y. The company has secured the services of Noel Davenport, the well known San Bernardino mining operator, to take charge of the property and a force of men will be put to work at once. The present development of the group shows up three distinct east-west ledges of porphyritic quartz, and one north-south lead of the same character cutting the other three. It is the opinion of the new owners that the east-west leads are a continuation of those on the Searchlight ground.

Another new strike has been made in the Golden Calf claim, recently secured by Geo. W. Lloyd. This was made while trenching on the ledge some distance away from where the last reported strike was made. Samples taken from clear across the ledge show fine hornings. Mr. Lloyd has secured options on all the surrounding claims and will

The strike made in the Golden Calf last week is even better than at first reported. The find was made in the shaft on the small fraction lying between the New Year's Gift and Searchlight mines of the company's prop-

erty. The ore fairly reeks with gold and it is safe to estimate its value at from \$10,000 to \$20,000 per ton. The Duplex property is the old original Searchlight mine from which the town took its name, and the present owner is the original discoverer. It was in the early days of the camp, sometime in 1897, that Fred Colton coming home one night to camp, composed then of about a half dozen souls, exclaimed: "There is something here boys, but it would take a searchlight to find it." A few days later he located the Searchlight mine, giving birth to what is now recognized as one of the greatest gold camps in Nevada. The property has been in the hands of several companies since that time, but has in every case reverted back to Colton. It is unpurchasable now, as he declares he will never part with it again. The mine is located right in town; its stamp mill fronting on Hobson street, the principal business thoroughfare of the town.

Despite the apparent summer quietness, occasioned by the annual exodus to the beaches, which usually pervades the otherwise busy and stirring streets. There is a great untoward of activity in a mining way. Almost every group under course chinery into the district and the number of new companies forming, together with the numerous transfers of mining property, all indicate an unprecedented rush this coming fall.

Pioche Real

Assessor's Increase, 250 Per Cent; Owners' Increase 600 Per Cent.

No one thing more strikingly portrays the rapid strides taken by Pioche in the last year than the increase in valuation of real estate. The assessor has completed the assessment of the town and states that there is an increase of 250 per cent. over the valuations of last year. The assessment has been made on a graduated scale of so much per front foot, varying in the business and resident districts. The figures given below represent the amount assessed per front foot in each block.

Block 1, \$5, \$3 and \$1.50; block 2, \$1 and \$2; block 3, \$1 and \$2; block 4, \$1; block 5 and 6, 50c; block 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, \$1; block 18, \$2 and \$3; block 19, \$5, \$3 and \$1.50; block 20 and 21, \$1; block 22, \$1.50; block 23, \$1; block 24, \$2 and \$1; block 25, \$5, \$2 and \$1.50; block 26, \$1.50 and \$1; block 27, \$1; block 29, \$1.50 and \$1; block 30, \$5 and \$2; block 31, \$1.50 and \$1; block 32, \$5, \$2 and \$1.50; block 33, \$2 and \$1; block 35, \$2, \$1.50 and \$1; block 36, \$1; block 37, \$1.50 and \$1.

President Miller Returns.

President Chas. S. Miller, of the Boston-Pioche Mining Company, arrived here Thursday evening, having made a flying trip to Boston and returned by way of Los Angeles and San Francisco. Mr. Miller is here for the purpose of consummating some large mining deals which the company have under consideration.

W. S. Couch has had a load of marble brought in from the quarry at Blind Mountain and is now busily engaged in carving out some monuments. The marble takes on a fine polish and has every appearance of being the genuine article.

Nevada Horn

New Incorporation for the Bailey Springs Mines—English Capital.

One of the latest corporations to be launched in this section is the Nevada Horn Silver Mining Company, whose articles of incorporation were filed in the office of the county clerk Monday. The incorporators of the company are George Weddell, Edward Thomarson and J. L. Whipple. The company is incorporated for the purpose of working the Horn Silver group of claims, situated near Bailey Springs, this county and about three miles from Bristol. It is incorporated for a million shares of the par value of one dollar each. The property controlled by the company consists of the Horn Silver Nos. 1 and 5 inclusive, Climax, Lesley, Marie, Ruby, Bella, and Rocky Points No. 1 and 2, all being in one group.

The company have placed in the treasury 4000 shares of the capital stock, but only 1000 shares will be sold at the present time, 50,000 shares of which has already been subscribed for in England and we are informed that the entire issue would have been taken had the company been willing to let it go. They, however, preferred to sell the remaining 50,000 in Pioche, Los Angeles and Salt Lake City. Child, Cole & Co. will handle the stock in Salt Lake City and the Pioche Brokerage Company of Pioche will also have it listed.

The probable officers of the company will be George Weddell, president; Chas. S. Miller, vice president; Edward Thomarson, secretary and treasury, and these three together with Wm. Lloyd and J. L. Whipple will constitute the board of directors.

The working force on the property will be materially enlarged and all operations conducted in a speedy and business-like manner.

Ore Bodies of the Prince

determined on the Prince mine, situate about three miles easterly from Pioche, is immense, hardly expresses the situation. We have heard many reports of its magnitude, but one must needs see for himself before a correct idea can be gained. A representative of this paper was afforded the courtesy of inspecting the mine this week and was simply astounded at the great showing. As he was piloted through by Foreman Richard Chope, and his attention called to the different drifts, winzes, stopes, etc., the thought occurred to him that if there be any man who can for a moment doubt the fact that Pioche has the tonnage, he should be given an opportunity of inspecting this great mine. The shaft which the management intends to make the working basis, has now reached a depth of over one hundred feet and a crosscut of forty feet has been run without touching either wall. From surface workings on the ledge and shafts sunk to small depths at different intervals, the body is proven to be

This property is owned by the Phoenix-Reduction Company, who are also the owners of the immense tailing pits at Bullionville, and should the idea of erecting a smelter at that point, which is now being favorably considered be consummated, in these two propositions they have all the ore needed to keep a large smelter busy for many years. The grade leading from the Prince mine to the proposed smelter site is admirable for an easy haul, thus reducing the cost of transportation to a minimum. A good grade for a traction engine could be built with little cost and thus enable the company to handle an immense tonnage from the mine to the smelter daily.

At present work is being prosecuted at the Prince mine as fast as conditions will permit. A 40-horse power gasoline hoist is now installed and in working order; also an air compressor and machine drills are being put in and all details perfected so that shipping can commence at a day's notice.

The exterior portion of the grounds presents a very cozy appearance. Every comfort of the men employed is being looked after. Small sleeping houses are being erected which will accommodate four men. In these are placed two double steel bunks, being fitted with wire mattresses. The culinary line is also very good. Foundations are being dug out preparatory to erecting a large tank house and blacksmith shop so that it can be easily seen that the company intend working the property upon a large scale such as is justified by the ore bodies.

Mr. Wm. Lloyd is general manager of the company and through his able guidance the property is being developed in such a manner that its every possibility is being presented. He stated that the ore is of such a character that it is very desirable as a flux, almost forming a perfect flux in itself. Taken altogether we may look for the Prince mine to be one of the greatest and most steady producers this district has ever known.

Promising Property In Jack Rabbit District

Assessor John F. Roeder and Geo. O. Sawyer have a group of promising claims, situate in the Jack Rabbit Mining District, near what is known as Burnt Canyon. The group consists of five full claims, and some good surface showings have been found giving values running well in gold and silver.

The principal claim was worked some years ago, at which time a shaft was sunk some twenty feet and at the bottom of this shaft a well defined ledge is found, which would indicate ore bodies of some permanency. Men will be put to work at once to do the location and some development work on the claims.

Bristol stock is up to thirty cents.

Ohio-Kentucky going up.

Will Develop the Groom Property

Mr. Geo. Cox, a prominent and successful mining promoter of this section, came in last evening on his return trip from New Orleans. Mr. Cox has been perfecting arrangements for the organization of a company to work a group of claims in Groom district, controlled by him. He succeeded while absent, in interesting very influential parties and formed a corporation with a capitalization of \$1,500,000, divided in that number of shares of the par value of \$1 each. Fifty thousand shares have been placed in the treasury and the greater number subscribed for, yielding the company a working capital of twenty-five thousand dollars which amount will be immediately expended in opening up the mines. W. H. Brown, president of the company, is very influential in mining circles. Mr. Cox leaves for the properties in the morning.

Chicago Mining World Representative Here

Col. W. A. Root, field correspondent of the Mining World of Chicago, was in Pioche during the week, gathering data for publication in the paper he represents. The Mining World is one of the few leading mining journals of the world, and is considered highly authentic upon all matters pertaining to mining. A regular correspondent will from time to time furnish reliable information concerning Pioche and surroundings for publication in the Mining World.

Members of the arrangement committee for the Fourth of July received a telegram from E. F. Freudenthal sent from New York City, stating that he had mailed a substantial check for their use in making the celebration a success.

The Ely Valley Is Group Sold

Edward Thomarson Purchases Valuable Property.

Mr. Henry Eiler and Wm. E. Harrison have transferred their property, situate about one mile west of town, and known as the Ely Valley group of mining claims to Edward Thomarson of Pioche. The property is in a very fine locality and has many fine showings within itself to recommend it to the purchaser. It is near the Pioche Mines Company's property and in close proximity to the properties of James Tulloch and associates, The Southern Nevada Mining and Reduction Company and the Old Timer Company. A strong vein carrying good values in lead, silver and gold has been determined and every indication for a big mine brought out.

Mr. Thomarson has now under consideration the formation of a corporation and after same has been perfected, development work on the newly acquired property will be pushed, the main object being to attain depth. At present two men are employed perfecting the preliminaries so that at the proper moment the required force can be put to work.

A citizens' meeting was held last evening, relative to perfecting the details of the Fourth of July celebration. Routine business, such as reports of the various committee on music was transacted. Vacancies existing in the committee on music were filled, J. M. Cleine and Alex Orr being now associated with John G. Brown on this committee.

Railroad Assessments

Following the assessments in last week's issue, on railroads in Lincoln County, the items below are given by Assessor Roeder, with comparisons between 1906 and 1907:

Las Vegas & Tonopah Railroad Co. for 1906.

Main track, \$44,000; side track, \$250; rolling stock, \$3520; supplies, etc., \$5550; real estate and improvements, \$680; total \$54,000 1907.

Main track, \$485,760; side track \$4,592.50; rolling stock, \$15,810; fuel, \$1,150; real estate and improvements, \$2,360; total, \$509,672.50. Increase for 1907, \$455,672.50.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R. Co. Main track, \$21,750; side track, \$845; telegraph line, \$580; rolling stock for 3-4 year under operation, \$895; total \$24,070.

S. P. L. A. S. L. R. R. CO. Side track valuation is \$123,676, instead of \$95,427; making the total assessment of the above road for 1907, \$2,069,623.00.

Ohio Representative Here

J. G. Hull of Marion, Ohio, is in Pioche looking over his mining interests here. Mr. Hull is largely interested in the Lincoln Nevada Mining and Milling Company, who are operating east of town.

The Bank of Pioche, Inc., received part of their office furnishings this week, and are making preparations to thoroughly renovate their banking room and office. Deposits locally are increasing daily and the Pioche institution is thoroughly convincing all business men that a local bank is what we needed.